Alberta Finance

Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF June 17, 2002 TO June 21, 2002

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	April			Canadian manufacturing shipments increased 5.0% in April, the strongest gain since August 1998 (6.8%). A large part of the increase was due to motor vehicles. However, excluding motor vehicles, manufacturing shipments increased by 3.3%. All provinces reported gains in April with Saskatchewan (11.2%), Prince Edward Island (10.3%) and Ontario (6.4%) leading the way.
($ millions)				
Alberta	3,288	2.3%	-4.8%	
Canada	43,913	5.0%	5.0%	
Wholesale Trade	April			Wholesale trade in Canada rose 2.4% in April to $34.8 billion. Increases in motor vehicles (4.4%), metals, hardware, plumbing and heating (5.5%), and lumber and building materials (2.8%) were slightly offset by decreases in food products (-0.5%) and apparel and dry goods (-0.4%). Alberta wholesale trade increased 1.4% in April, and was up 9.8% from April 2001.
($ millions)				
Alberta	3,485	1.4%	9.8%	
Canada	34,785	2.4%	11.5%	
Retail Trade	April			Canadian retail trade increased in April by 1.0% following a 0.2% decrease in March. Increases in the clothing (3.5%), furniture (1.5%) and automotive (0.9%) sectors were partly offset by a decrease in drug and patent medicine stores (-0.7%). Alberta retail trade rose 1.8% from March, and was up 10.2% from April 2001.
Alberta	3,085	1.8%	10.2%	
Canada	25,453	1.0%	8.0%	
Travel ('000s)	April			Travel from Canada to other countries increased by 0.2% in April, but remained 16.4% bellow pre-September 11 levels. Travel to Canada decreased by 0.9% in April and remained well below April 2001 levels.
Canadian trips abroad	3,212	0.2%	-17.4%	
Travel to Canada	3,742	-0.9%	-14.1%	